Grant of Sites to Harijans of Chikkonahalli

Q.—989. Sri C. T. HANUMANTHAIYA (Pavagada-Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

when the petition praying for the grant of sites for building houses for 12 families of Harijans of Chikkonahalli Village, Kora Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, was received and the reason for not allotting the sites till now?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

The date of presentation of the petition is 3rd April 1941.

The sites were demarcated and distributed to the Adikarnataksa on 24th February 1954.

Statement by Minister on Question No. 332 (re. purchase of Copper Wire from Messrs. Unni & Co.)

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—Sir, I shall make a statement. Sir, it may be recalled that in replying to the supplementaries on Question No. 332 put by Sri M. V. Rama Rao on the 12th on the subject of the purchase of copper wire from Messrs. Unni & Co., I said that a copy of the written agreement will be placed on the table of the House. I have accordingly placed the following on the table of the House:—

(1) A copy of the letter dated 22nd November 1952 from the Chief Electrical Engineer to Messrs. Unni & Co., together with a copy of Local Order No. 5538 C.O.S. dated the 10th March 1952 to which the letter makes reference;

(2) A copy of the letter of acceptance dated 24th November 1952 from Messrs. Unni & Co. to the Chief Electrical Engineer.

A copy of the notice dated 25th February 1953 issued by the Chief Electrical Engineer to Messrs. Unni & Co. is also placed on the table as asked for by Sri Rama Rao.

I said in answering a supplementary by Sri T. Mariappa, that I would obtain information as to whether a tender at Rs. 2-8-6 per pound had been accepted on the very day and just before the tender of Messrs. Unni & Co. was accepted. The information is to the effect that that is not the case.

I take this opportunity of correcting an answer which I furnished in replying to another supplementary by Sri M. V. Rama Rao. He asked whether tenders were invited for copper wire by the Stores Purchase Committee and my reply was in the affirmative. But the position is that the order with Messrs. Unni & Co. in November 1952 was a revival of the earlier order with certain modified terms. Other replies furnished by me on the basis that tenders were called for will also have to stand corrected accordingly, I might in this connection invite the attention of Hon'ble Members to the fact that questions similar to these have been covered in question No. 137 of the last Budget Session to which replies have already been furnished. I very much regret that these mistakes occurred in answering supplementary questions.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

Closure of Arasappa's Silk Factory, Bangalore.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri J. Mohamed Imam and three others have given notice of an adjournment motion as follows:—

> "That this House do stand adjourned to consider a definite matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence, namely, the closure of Sri D. Arasappa's Silk Factory at Bangalore resulting in the throwing out of employment of about 1,000 workers."

As Hon'ble Members are aware, lockouts and strikes cannot form the proper subject of adjournment motions. In the present case, it is clear that the factory is a private factory and that no administrative responsibility of the

Government is involved. Further, as Hon'ble Members know, other Parliamentary opportunities are available to members to debate such matters. In the circumstances the adjournment motion is not in order.

Resignation of Sri K. V. Shankara Gowda.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Under Rule 177(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly, I inform this Assembly that I have received an intimation in writing from Sri K. V. Sankara Gowda, a member of this House, resigning his seat in the Assembly. Under sub-rule (2) of the said Rules, the Secretary shall cause this information to be published in the Gazette and forward a copy of the notification to the Election Commission for taking steps to fill the vacancy thus caused.

(Sri S. Gopala Gowda rose).

Mr. SPEAKER.—You have given notice of a motion just now. You can move it to-morrow.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

(Money Bills.)

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Leader of the House).—Sir, so far as these Money Bills are concered, I think, the Deputy Speaker gave some indication to the time that has to be taken.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, yesterday in your absence, some important question was raised as to whether rule 131 of the Rules of Procedure would come in the way of our discussing these Bills. He has given a ruling that that rule is no bar and all these Bills are not Financial Bills, and nothing prevents us from considering them later on in the month of April.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I did not hear you please.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I will repeat what happened yesterday. The Speaker has been pleased to allot only two days for the consideration of these Bills.—I brought to the notice of the Chair and also to the notice of the Leader of the House that in case we are not able to deal with all these Bills, then under rule 131 the Speaker has to apply guillotine and then all these Bills, whether we discuss a certain measure of taxation or not will come under guillotine and the members of this House will not have an opportunity to discuss the other Bills. For this the Deputy Speaker gave a considered ruling that if some Bills are left over, if we are not able to cover all the Bills to-day, then nothing prevents us from considering these Bills on a later date. We submitted that two days were very inadequate to discuss all the Bills. The Deputy Speaker gave the ruling that in this case the rule would not apply and there is no need to apply guillotine.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There are some Bills that are left over now. In course of the day we may see how far we will progress and we can take the rest of the Bills after 1st April.

1-30 P.M.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I agree to the suggestion of taking up later such of the Bills which come into force after the close of the session of the Assembly. But so far as those Bills which should be given effect to immediately are concerned, they have to be passed immediately, therefore they have to be taken up for consideration at once. We have got five Bills. One Bill has already been passed. Another Bill, which is a comprehensive Bill, which includes assessment on various types of lands and cess on irrigation water, may be taken up later. There is no objection to that. Regarding the rest of the Bills they have to be passed immediately. Immediately means, the Speaker may fix as per powers given to him under Rule 131 (2), a time limit for each Bill. There are three Bills now which have to be taken up. And if you fix a time limit for each of these Bills, it would be very convenient for the House not only to consider but also pass them in time. If these three Bills are delayed, Government lose revenue.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Which are those three Bills?